

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) Apparatus for the contained inspection and possible transportation of a potentially dangerous object, the apparatus comprising:

an inspection unit, the inspection unit including at least a first section and a second section able to open to receive the object and then close to provide a sealed airtight environment for manual inspection of the object, the first section and the second section being substantially rigid, the inspection unit also including at least one glove member allowing a user external to the sealed environment of the closed inspection unit to manipulate the object within the closed inspection unit; and,

a transportation unit, the transportation unit including at least a first section and a second section able to open to wholly receive the inspection unit and then close to provide a further sealed airtight environment containing the inspection unit, the first section and the second section of the transportation unit being substantially rigid.

2. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the inspection unit is substantially transparent.

3. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a portion of a body section or a base section of the inspection unit is opaque, preferably of a dark colour.

4. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the object is an envelope, mail, package, parcel, letter or the like.

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first section and the second section of the inspection unit are adapted to be clamped or latched together.

6. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first section and the second section of the inspection unit are hinged together.
7. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first section of the inspection unit is a lid section and the second section of the inspection unit is a body section or a base section.
8. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transportation unit can generally be lifted and moved by a single person.
9. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the user can visually inspect the object in the inspection unit.
10. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein two glove members are provided.
11. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first section and the second section of the transportation unit are adapted to be clamped together.
12. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the ~~first section and the second section of the transportation unit are hinged together~~ transportation unit is double walled with two independent airtight seals.
13. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first section of the transportation unit is a lid section and the second section of the transportation unit is a body section or a base section.

14. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the lid section and the body section or base section of the transportation unit are adapted to be press-sealed together.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inspection unit also includes integrated magnifying means in the first section.

17. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transportation unit includes internal padding or shock absorbing material.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein closure of the transportation unit securely holds the inspection unit placed therein.

19. (Original) Device for the contained inspection and safe transportation for further examination, if required, of received mail, the device comprising:

a substantially rigid inspection unit adapted to provide a sealed airtight environment, the inspection unit allowing a user to visually inspect received mail placed in the inspection unit, the inspection unit also including one or more glove members allowing the user to manipulate the mail within the inspection unit; and,

a substantially rigid transportation unit adapted to wholly receive and secure the inspection unit after user inspection of the mail and to provide a further sealed airtight environment and physical protection for the inspection unit during transportation.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1~~claim 6~~, wherein the ~~first section of the~~ inspection unit is provided with a sealable port to receive a probe

~~lid section and the second section of the inspection unit is a body section or a base section.~~

22. (Currently amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 21~~claim 12~~, wherein the ~~first section of the transportation~~ inspection unit is provided with a further sealable inspection port having a diameter substantially larger than the sealable porta~~lid section~~ and the ~~second section of the transportation unit is a body section or a base section.~~